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AMENDMENT AFTER DECISION ON APPEAL (37 C.F.R. §1.196)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the decision on appeal under 35 U.S.C. §134 dated January 28, 2005 (Paper No. 40) reversing the final rejection of claims 14, 20, 22, and 24-27 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and the final rejection claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (See final Office Action dated January 23, 2002 (Paper No. 22)), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.